

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended). A reconstitutable product, which upon the addition of water becomes a bioresorbable, injectable implant product, wherein said reconstitutable product comprises comprising a freeze-dried composition of:

microparticles of at least one polymer of non-animal origin selected from the group consisting of lactic acid polymers, glycolic acid polymers, and lactic acid-glycolic acid co-polymers; and

a hydrogel precursor consisting essentially of materials of non-animal origin, wherein said precursor forms a hydrogel upon the addition of water.

11. (Previously Presented). The reconstitutable product according to claim 10 wherein said microparticles are bioreversible within a period of about 1 year to about 3 years.

12. (Previously Presented). The reconstitutable product according to claim 10 wherein said microparticles consist of a polymer selected from the group consisting of poly-L-lactic acid, poly-D-lactic acid, and mixtures thereof.

13. (Currently Amended). The reconstitutable product according to claim 10 wherein the materials of said hydrogel precursor comprise comprises:

- a gelling agent, and
- a cryoprotecting agent.

14. (Previously Presented). The reconstitutable product according to claim 13 wherein said gelling agent is a cellulose derivative.

15. (Previously Presented). The reconstitutable product according to claim 14, wherein said cellulose derivative is at least one member selected from the group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

16. (Previously Presented). The reconstitutable product according to claim 13, wherein said gelling agent is synthetic hyaluronic acid.

17. (Previously Presented). The reconstitutable product according to claim 13, wherein said cryoprotecting agent is apyrogenic mannitol.

18. (Previously Presented). The reconstitutable product according to claim 10 further comprising a surfactant.

19. (Previously Presented). The reconstitutable product according to claim 18, wherein said surfactant is at least one member selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate and polyoxypropylene block copolymer surfactant.

20. (Currently Amended). A method for making an An injectable implant for human administration comprising which comprises mixing the reconstitutable product of claim 10 and sufficient water for injection to form a hydrogel with said hydrogel precursor.

21. (Currently Amended). The injectable-implant method according to claim 20 wherein said hydrogel comprises 0.1 to 7.5% by weight of a gelling agent selected from the group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

22. (Currently Amended). The injectable-implant method according to claim 20 wherein said microparticles are present in said hydrogel at a concentration of from about 50 to about 300 g/l.

23. (Currently Amended). A reconstitutable bioresorbable injectable implant product made by freeze-drying a composition consisting essentially of:

biodegradable microspheres or microparticles suspended in a gel, said gel consisting essentially of materials of non-animal origin,

 said microspheres or microparticles consisting of at least one polymer of non-animal origin selected from the group consisting of lactic acid polymers, glycolic acid polymers, and lactic acid-glycolic acid co-polymers.

24. (Previously Presented). A kit comprising the reconstitutable product of claim + 10 in a vial.

25. (Currently Amended). The kit of claim 23 24 further comprising a container of water for injection.

26. (Currently Amended). The kit of claim 23 24 further comprising a syringe.

27. (Currently Amended) A kit comprising a syringe prefilled with a biodegradable injectable implant for human administration consisting essentially of:

 biodegradable microspheres or microparticles suspended in a gel, said gel consisting essentially of materials of non-animal origin,

 said microspheres or microparticles consisting of at least one polymer of non-animal origin selected from the group consisting of lactic acid polymers, glycolic acid polymers, and lactic acid-glycolic acid co-polymers.

28. (New) A method of performing reparative or esthetic dermatologic surgery which comprises subcutaneously or intradermally injecting into a subject a biodegradable injectable implant biodegradable microspheres or microparticles suspended in a gel, said gel consisting essentially of materials of non-animal origin,

 and said microspheres or microparticles consisting of at least one polymer of non-animal origin selected from the group consisting of lactic acid polymers, glycolic acid polymers, and lactic acid-glycolic acid co-polymers.

29. (New) The method according to claim 28 wherein said surgery is for filling wrinkles, fine lines, skin cracks or scars.

30. (New) The method according to claim 28 wherein said surgery is for filling the gums for dentistry.